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Report Highlights:

Turkey Free Trade Agreement entered into force on May 1, 2013. Turkey ranks only 43rd among suppliers of agricultural products to Korea, which imported \$48.9 million worth of agricultural goods from Turkey in 2012. Major imports included prepared and preserved mollusks (\$6.6 million), tuna and skipjack frozen fillets (\$5.4 million), tobacco (\$3.9 million), and hazelnuts (\$3.4 million.)

General Information:

The [Korean free trade agreement \(FTA\) with Turkey](#) entered into force on May 1, 2013. Turkey ranks only 43rd among suppliers of agricultural goods to Korea, which imported \$48.9 million worth of agricultural products from Turkey in 2012. Imports in 2012 were down 8.4 percent from 2011 compared with -3.1 percent from the world. Major imports during 2012 were mollusks (Prepared or Preserved, \$6.6 million), tuna and skipjack frozen fillets (\$5.4 million), tobacco (\$3.9 million), and hazelnuts (\$3.4 million.)

The FTA with Turkey represents the ninth such agreement to be implemented by Korea since its first with Chile in 2004. In addition to Chile, other Korean FTAs in force exist with Singapore, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), ASEAN, India (CEPA), the European Union, Peru, and the United States.

In terms of impact on U.S. agricultural exports, the agreement with Turkey is not expected to have any major effect given the limited scope of exportable Turkish agricultural products that directly compete with U.S. exports to Korea. However, hazelnuts could rise as a competitor to U.S. almonds and walnuts in the baking and confectionary sector. Hazelnuts started from an already low base rate of 8 percent with the duty removed in eight equal annual installments beginning on the date of entry into force of the agreement, resulting in zero duty in the year 2020.

Some of the key provisions of the Korea-Turkey Free Trade Agreement affecting their bilateral trade in agricultural products include:

- Duty reductions on Turkey's agricultural products to Korea, which are set out in Annex 2 to the Schedule of Korea, are implemented on January 1 of each year – with the exception of Year 1 (2013) reductions which were effected upon implementation.
- There are no specific products covered under safeguard measures.
- A Committee on Trade in Goods (Article 7.2) is established to provide a forum for consultations on accelerating and broadening the scope of tariff elimination; addressing tariff and non-tariff measures affecting trade in goods; and for discussion and exchange of information relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures.
- Korea will retain duties on a number of agricultural products at the base rate. Among these are beef, pork, and poultry meat; flatfish, croaker, halibut, cod, mackerel, eels, yellow corvina, squid, octopus, and clams; most products in HS chapter 4 dairy products; most edible vegetables, fruits, nuts and citrus in HS chapters 7 and 8; barley; and animal and vegetable fats and oils.

Korean Tariff Schedule No.	Korean Tariff Schedule No.	Description	Korean Imports USD Million		Percentage Change 2011 to 2012	Turkish market share in 2012	Base Tariff rate	2013 Tariff Rate	2014 Tariff Rate
			2011	2012					
160559		Molluscs, Prepared Or Preserved, Nesoi	0	6.6	100%	13.41%			
	1605591010						20	16	16
	1605591090						20	18.1	16.3
	1605592010						20	18.1	16.3
	1605592090						20	16.6	13.3
	1605599010						20	16.6	13.3
	1605599090						20	16.6	13.3
030187		Tuna, Skipjack/Stripe- Bellied Bonito Fillet Frozen	0	5.4	100%	11.07%			
	304871000						10	8.3	6.6
	304879000						10	8.7	7.5
240110		Tobacco, Not Stemmed/Stripped	8	3.9	-51.28%	7.93%			
	2401101000						20	20	20
	2401102000						20	20	20
	2401103000						20	18.1	16.3
	2401109000						20	20	20
080222		Hazelnuts Or Filberts, Fresh Or Dried, Shelled	2.6	3.4	30.32%	6.94%	8	7	6
151219		Sunflower-Seed Or Safflower Oil, Refine, Fractions, Etc.	1.8	2.7	49.96%	5.52%			
	1512191010						10	8.3	6.6
	1512191020						8	0	0
	1512199010						10	9	8.1
	1512199020						8	7.2	6.5
110100		Wheat Or Meslin Flour	4.5	2.7	-40.55%	5.48%			
	1101001000						4.2	3.8	3.4
	1101002000						5	4.1	3.3
190219		Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed Etc., Nesoi	1.6	2.5	57.55%	5.09%			
	1902191000						8	7	6
	1902192000						32	32	32
	1902193000						8	7.2	6.5
	1902199000						8	0	0
040410		Whey & Modified Whey Whether/Not Concentrated or Sweetened	0.6	2.2	270.35%	4.44%	49.5	49.5	49.5
200989		Juice Of Single	0	2.1	100%	4.38%			

		Fruit/Veg, Not Fortified Etc Nesoi							
	2009891010						50	45	45
	2009891020						50	45	45
	2009891090						50	45.4	40.9
	2009892000						30	27.2	24.5
440710		Coniferous Wood Sawn, Sliced Etc, Over 6 Mm Thick	1.7	2.1	27.53%	4.31%	5	4.1	3.3